

## **News Release**

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## 2019 DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS CAMPAIGN FINANCE TRAINING

~Dates announced: Sign up soon!~

**RICHMOND, VA** – In preparation for the 2019 General Election campaign, the Department of Elections (ELECT) is pleased to announce Campaign Finance Training in March 2019. ELECT will be offering a seminar for candidates and treasurers on the laws and policies governing campaign finance reporting and compliance. This training is geared toward candidates, their staff and treasurers as well as treasurers for **ALL types of political committees** (e.g. PACs. Parties. Referendum).

"This is the first time in several years that ELECT is offering this type of regional campaign finance training," Christopher E. "Chris" Piper, Commissioner of the Department of Elections, said, "Campaign finance laws have grown more and more complex. More candidates and committees are using ELECT's online reporting tool, COMET, than ever before. We felt it was time to provide training for candidates that will walk them through what to do once they have decided to run for office to when they decide to close their campaign. It is an added bonus that we are able to train officers of other types of committees as well. I encourage all potential candidates, staff, and treasurers to participate in this important training."

## The training dates and locations are as follows:

- $\cdot$  Christiansburg (New River Community College) March  $12^{th},\,2:\!00~pm$
- · Richmond City (James Center) March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 pm
- · Virginia Beach (Princess Anne Road) March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9:00 am
- · Charlottesville (Downtown Mall) March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 pm

Reservations will be accepted for each location on a first come, first served basis. Classes last approximately two hours. Additional dates and locations for Hampton Roads, Southwest Virginia, and the Shenandoah Valley will be announced soon.

To register: https://www.eventbrite.com/o/virginia-department-of-elections-10622250884